

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior listings and versions of claims for this application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-28 (Canceled).

29. (Previously presented) A method of making an electrical contact device comprising the steps of:

forming a plurality of spaced apart electrical leads held in position relative to each other by at least two conductive connecting strips, said at least two conductive connecting strips extending between adjacent leads and arranged along opposite sides of a plurality of slots formed between said at least two conductive connecting strips, said plurality of spaced apart electrical leads extending outward from said at least two conductive connecting strips;

forming insulating material over said plurality of slots and between said connecting strip; and

subsequently removing portions of at least two conductive connecting strips located between adjacent leads to electrically isolate said adjacent leads.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising a step of bending said electrical leads into a predetermined configuration.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said predetermined configuration includes a non-parallel configuration.

32. (Previously presented) The method of claim 29, wherein said insulating material forms a bridging member, said bridging member being integral with an insulating frame surrounding said electrical leads.

33. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising a step of severing said bridging member from said insulating frame.

34. (Currently amended) A method of making an electrical contact device comprising the steps of:

forming at least two lead structures, each of said lead ~~structure structures~~ comprising a plurality of spaced apart electrical leads held in position relative to each other by at least two conductive connecting strips, said at least two conductive connecting strips extending between adjacent leads and arranged along opposite sides of a plurality of slots formed between said at least two conductive connecting strips, said plurality of spaced apart electrical leads extending outward from said at least two conductive connecting strips;

said at least two lead structures being connected to one another by an outer frame;

forming insulating material along and between a longitudinal length of, but not covering, each of said at least two connecting strips of each of said lead structures; and

subsequently removing portions of each of said at least two connecting strips located between adjacent leads for each of said lead structures.

35. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said electrical leads and said at least two connecting strips of said at least two lead structures are formed of the same conductive material.

36. (Previously presented) The method of claim 35, wherein the step of removing portions of at least two connecting strips includes the step of electrically isolating adjacent leads.

37. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising a step of bending said electrical leads into a predetermined configuration.

38. (Currently amended) The method of claim 34, further comprising a step of severing said two lead ~~structure~~ structures from said outer frame.